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a corresponding plurality of openings in the mounting bracket for mating with the protruding members.

7. The computer system as in claim 6, wherein:

the receptacle is a cylindrical hole; and

the mounting bracket comprises:

a slightly tapered cylinder having a narrow end opposite the joystick which fits within the receptacle and providing grooves to allow the protruding members to ride up the grooves into the openings in the bracket during insertion into the receptacle.

8. A lap-top computer system, comprising:

a case having a keyboard, monitor, and memory and processor circuitry within the case;

a receptacle formed in the case adjacent the keyboard, said receptacle having a joystick electrical connector integrated therein;

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a joystick having a mounting bracket and electrical connector coupled thereto, wherein the mounting bracket is formed to fit snugly within the receptacle; and

a locking mechanism integrated into the receptacle to lock the mounting bracket of the joystick into a retentive position within the receptacle such that the electrical connector of the joystick and the electrical connector of the receptacle are electrically coupled.

9. The computer system of claim 8 wherein the mounting bracket and receptacle are both generally cylindrical in shape.

10. The computer system of claim 8 wherein the mounting bracket and receptacle are keyed such that the joystick fits in only one orientation in the receptacle.

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